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### *Assignment for Inman*

**B**obby R. Inman, who left his post as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence last week partly because of policy differences with the Reagan Administration, has agreed to serve as a part-time consultant to the Democratic-controlled House Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. Inman, who is widely respected on Capitol Hill by conservatives and liberals of both parties, accepted the offer from the committee chairman, Edward P. Boland, Democrat of Massachusetts.

The agreement with Mr. Inman, a retired Navy admiral with an intimate knowledge of the C.I.A., is likely to cause some discomfort in the intelligence community.

"I hope this doesn't appear as a slap at Casey," Mr. Boland said in a reference to William J. Casey, the director of the agency. "It's not intended as such. The committee is fortunate to gain Mr. Inman's services and advice. He knows as much about intelligence as anyone alive."

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